

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, beginning on line 8, with the following paragraph:

The present disclosure is directed to the field of Wireless Local Area Networks (WLAN's), with particular applicability to switching devices used with wireless access points in a WLAN. In a WLAN, 10 as shown in Fig. 1, a number of clients 12, e.g., laptop computers, etc., include a wireless card 14 for enabling mobile radio communication with an access point (AP) ~~[[14]]~~16. Each AP 16 has a radio card 18 for communicating with mobile clients 12. The AP ~~[[14]]~~16 communicates with mobile clients in accordance with the IEEE 802.11 protocol. The AP ~~[[18]]~~16 can use a single radio card 18a or also a second card 18(b) to allow transmission in the 2.4 GHz band in accordance with the IEEE 802.11(b) and (g) standards, or in the 5 GHz band in accordance with the IEEE 802.11(a) standard. Also, more than 2 radio cards can be added to the AP 16.

On page 5, after line 20, please add the following:

Fig. 3 illustrates an example block diagram providing a general overview of an ASIC.

Fig. 4 illustrates an example of a wireless port embodiment.

Fig. 5 illustrates an example of a wireless port embodiment.

Fig. 6 illustrates an example of a wireless memory mapped port embodiment.